

School Board

Powers and Duties of the School Board

The powers and duties of the School Board generally include:

1. Formulating and adopting effective District policies subject to collective bargaining agreements and State and federal law that focus on student learning and safety;
2. Employing and directing through policy, a Superintendent in his/her charge of the district's administration;
3. Approving the employment of all District personnel; making employment decisions and dismissing personnel;
4. Approving the annual balanced budget, tax levies, major expenditures, financial obligations, annual audit, and other aspects of the District's financial operation while ensuring financial decisions are made within the limits of our resources and with a view and understanding of a five year financial projection; and making available a statement of financial affairs as provided in State law;
5. Entering contracts using the public bidding procedure when required;
6. Indemnifying, protecting, and insuring against any loss or liability of the School District, Board members, employees, and agents as provided or authorized by State law;
7. Providing, constructing and maintaining adequate physical facilities; making school buildings available for use as civil defense shelters; and establishing a resource conservation policy.
8. Establishing an equal education opportunities policy that prohibits unlawful discrimination.
9. Approving expenditures for all educational services;
10. Requesting and monitoring the evaluation of educational programs; and approving all School Improvement Plans and District Improvement Plans;
11. Submitting to parents/guardians, District taxpayers, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State Board of Education a school report card assessing the performance of its schools and students.
12. Adopting and supporting student discipline policies and procedures for suspension and expulsion;

13. Establishing attendance units within the District, assigning students to the schools;
14. Establishing the school year;
15. Requiring a moment of silence to recognize veterans during any type of school event held at as District school on November 11.
16. Providing student transportation services;
17. Entering into joint agreements with other school board and public entities to establish cooperative educational programs and provide educational facilities;
18. Communicating the District's goals and progress to the community.
19. Complying with requirements in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Specifically, each individual School Board member must, if an allegation is raised to the member during an open or closed School Board meeting that a student is an abused child as defined in the Act, direct or cause the School Board to direct the Superintendent or other equivalent school administrator to comply with the Act's requirements concerning the reporting of child abuse.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 10-1, *et seq.* (105 ILCS 5/10-1, *et seq.*);  
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.210(b).

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